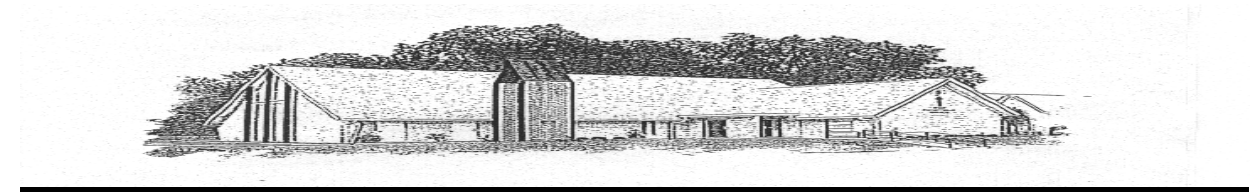




Kids for God make valentines to be distributed by Rader's Funeral Home to people in the service our country.

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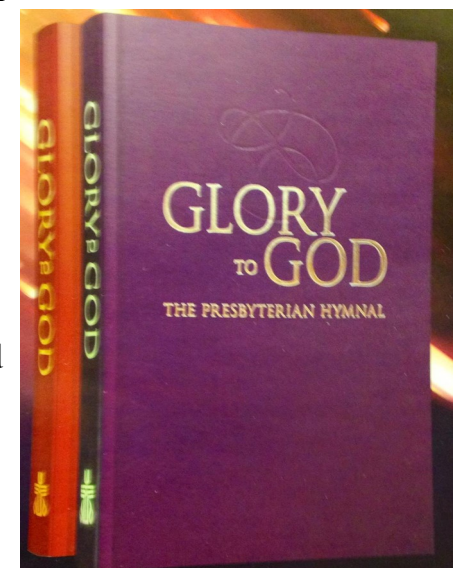
GLORY TO GOD

THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

The new Presbyterian hymnal work began in 2008 and went to print in August, 2013. Our session put in an order for 150 books early and received free shipping and a significant discount. The hymnals are here and ready to be used in worship. They may be purchased for \$15 in honor or memory of a loved one; a book plate will be attached. Multiple purchases may be made.

The new hymnal is organized according to the history of salvation, beginning with creation and finishing with the Church's hope for the Lord's return. "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" will be the first hymn. There are 850 hymns along with liturgical material drawn from the Presbyterian Book of Common worship. Included are older hymns that have never been published in a Presbyterian hymnal, such as, "Softly and Tenderly," "Rock of Ages," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Spirituals, such as "Soon and Very Soon," contemporary praise songs, global music from six continents and psalms will all be available.

Displays of the hymnals are placed around the building for your inspection. The Worship Committee is excited to have them in the pews soon.





Fall Back! Run Away! Withdraw!
RETREAT!

My father used to ask why it was that churches always went on a “retreat” and never on an “advance.” I never had an answer for him.

Your Session recently went on an annual RETREAT and it proved to be a very productive day, indeed. We opened our time together, as we always do, with worship and devotion for our Triune God. We spent some time in the *Presbyterian (USA) Book of Order* and some of your Ruling Elders found out that I don’t make up this stuff, it’s *in the book!* And there’s something very reassuring about that, because it means that we don’t have to re-invent things, they’re already outlined and we can move on to think and plan and imagine much better things we want to do. We also learned that, although the denomination outlines what all Presbyterian (USA) churches are expected to do, it leaves most decisions open to the creativity and unique choice of each individual Presbyterian church.

We spent some time learning about leadership – especially leadership of volunteers. We challenged one another to broaden committee work, and to consider new or expanded ministries throughout 2014. And we spent some time dreaming together about fresh, different, creative ways to serve God, you, and our neighbors.

We also went on a *mini field-trip* when we traveled to see Jane and Tolly Dill. It was a wonderful experience to see them both, and to know that Jane is getting stronger. We gave her a long-overdue gift in thanks for her service to this church as a Ruling Elder. Jane was *Chair* of the Worship Committee for two years, while she simultaneously served on Christian Ed, Outreach, and the Scholarship Committees, too. We learned quite early that although Jane Dill meets us with a sweet spirit, she’s also pretty savvy about getting things accomplished.

The most important thing we did together all day, happened at the very end of our time together. Although we had stayed a little longer than our agenda outlined, and I gave your Ruling Elders the option of staying longer *still*, or quitting for the day, they chose to stay together and to celebrate communion at the Lord’s Table. When we come together at Table, when we serve each other using God’s common elements, when we pray in one voice, the Spirit of God is palpable. And your Ruling Elders wanted to worship together as Christ’s servants.

I hope you’ll get involved and serve with them in interesting ways this year. I also hope you will pray for them often. Your Ruling Elders have been called by God through the voice of this congregation. Your Session is awesome!

Candice

Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
– Hebrews 13:7

Please
Pray
for...



Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation

Bill and Carolyn Boren, Jack Clark, Helen Crim, Mark & Linda Davis, Jordan and Sunshine, Tom & Syble DeLoach, Jane and Tolly Dill, Bob Hays, Joyce Huggins, Claudine Kennedy, Billie Manck, Neil, Mariella, and Jan Pennal, Alicia Rich, Bob Schauwecker and family, Patsy, Ginny

and Tela Snelgrove, Ruling Elders serving on the 2014 Session

Connected Family

Connor Bradshaw – Porter’s grandson, Brittany McLane – Schauwecker’s granddaughter
Letty Tennison – Cindy Ratliff’s mother, Colton Wallace – Cody Conway’s cousin

Friends and Neighbors

Camilla Foppes, Myra Folmar – friend of Bert Lowe, The Staff and Leadership of Grace Presbytery

Those loved ones known only to God



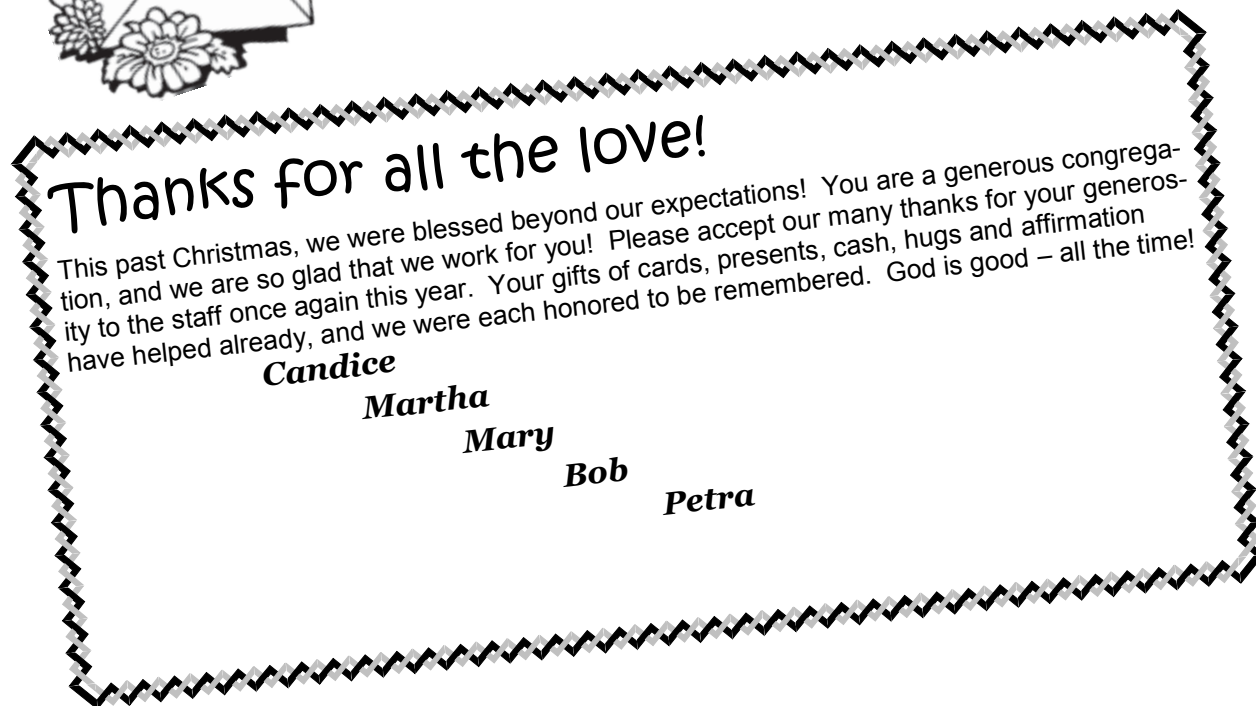
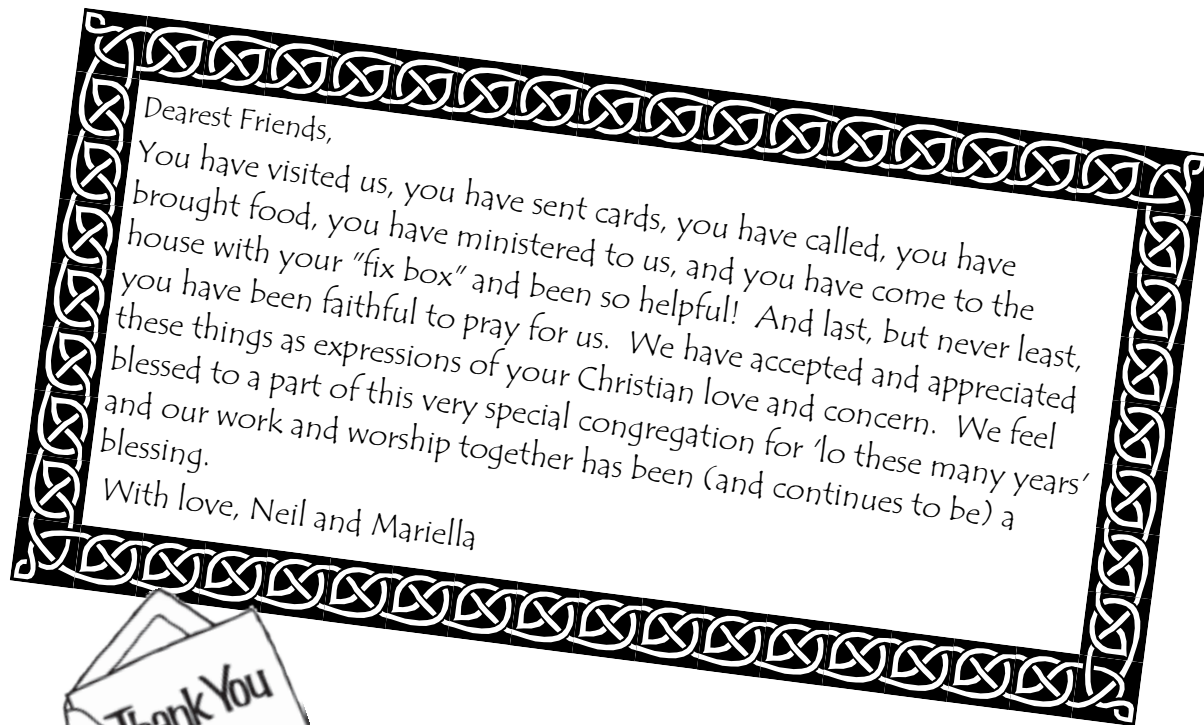
Memorials

Dorothy Box- Bob & Lavonne Schauwecker, Carol Scoggins, Jane Fahle, Tim & Debbie Wasson, Kathy Porter, Dr. Paul Patrick, Margaret Hillin, Ann Waller, Beta Sigma Phi Laureate Theta Omi Cron Chapter, Dorothy Barry, Cyndy Willard, Bill & Carolyn Boren, Jodette Neely, Tom & Pat Laney, Mike & Lisa McTee, Dr. John Hillin, DDS, Berth Lowe, Mary Carnes, David & Kim Kent, Turlington & Colombo Appraisal Services, Jack Clark.

Renee Jackson Wills-Fonta Conway, Kathy Porter

Fredrick Charles Schauwecker-Fonta Conway, Bill & Carolyn Boren

Wanda Houston- Bill & Carolyn Boren, Tim & Debbie Wasson



About Gifts, Contributions, and Legacy Giving

First and foremost, God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize he is truly the Lord of our lives.

Everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So, when we give, we simply offer him a very small portion of all the abundance he has already given to us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognizes that everything we give already belongs to him.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

There are a variety of ways to make a gift to support your congregation or other mission or ministry. These gift options take many factors into consideration:

Do you want to make an immediate gift or after your lifetime?

Will the gift will be a one-time donation or will provide support for many generations?

Would you like to receive income from the gift for yourself or a loved one?

Do you want to stay involved in the giving process and recommend grants over a period of years?

The Presbyterian Foundation can assist you and your financial advisor in selecting a type of gift that works best for you. **The information below is also on the back of our Sunday bulletin handout.**

Interested in establishing a legacy of Christian giving for yourself or your family? TEXAS PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION will assist you confidentially and free of charge. From consultation in discovering your charitable interests to developing a personal philanthropic strategy, TEXAS PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION is here to help. We can also administer gift annuities, charitable trusts, donor advised funds and other planned gifts on your behalf. And to add to your confidence in TEXAS PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION, we do not solicit donations on our own behalf.

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THE SOUP BRIGADE



Judy Andrasko, Patsy, and Travis Reynolds

First Presbyterian Church, Henderson Receives

“Go Green” Award

The Henderson church was named winner of the “Go Green” Award in December for its energy-saving and eco-friendly changes. The award was co-sponsored by the *Keep Henderson Beautiful* committee and the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. It's the first time this recognition has been given to a church.

Here at FPC, our “business” is God’s business and the Christian Education Team decided to educate the congregation about one of the Essential Tenets of the Presbyterian Faith: Stewardship of Creation. The team wanted to raise awareness and to gently educate members about the responsibilities of caring for creation. The concept of producing a theological and humorous video was born. The choir director wrote new lyrics to *Bringing in the Sheaves* and called it *Let the Church Go Green*. The video may be viewed online at [Let Our Church Go Green - YouTube](#)

As a result of the video, Henderson has begun a recycling program for aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and paper. There are recycle containers around the church, even one outside the sanctuary to recycle Sunday bulletins. We are replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent ones, using recycled copy paper, and eliminating foam cups and plates in the church. We mulch flower beds to conserve watering. We raise thermostats, turn on ceiling fans and adhere to a strict schedule of changing filters on heating and cooling units. We partition off parts of the building when not in use, have installed double paned windows, energy efficient light switches that automatically turn off lights, added energy conserving LED lights, water efficient plumbing fixtures, and new ceiling fans. We put a small snippet about environmentalism in the church newsletter each month to encourage members to “Go Green” at home.

When asked to quantify our success, here's what we discovered: we have saved 1146 styrofoam cups and 500 styrofoam plates from the landfill each year. Energy efficient commodes save water. The old ones used 3.5 gallons per use and our new ones use 1.6 gallons. An electric bill from March 2010 was compared to the same bill in March 2013 and it revealed metered usage decreased from 2471 KWH to 1714 KWH. Until the city introduces curb-side recycling, the Christian Education team members continue to take the recycling sacks to the local center monthly.

We are proud of the work that the C.E. team introduced and the changes we've made for God's world. We encourage other churches to join our work!



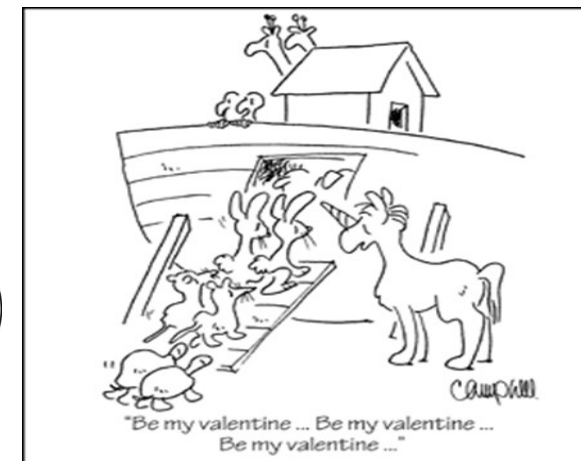
As you all know, our world is becoming smaller through technology. It is amazing that we can instantly be in contact with someone across town or across the world. It is very important for us to let current members, family and friends know what is going on at our church.

Because of how things are changing we have created a new committee, Communications. I am the chairperson and, with the help of Kathy Porter (co-chair) and Judy Andrasko, we are going to make sure we are doing what we can to stay up to date. Some of our duties will cover our website, facebook, the Pipeline, & our Phone Tree.

You will be hearing more from us in the near future. We want to make sure we have everyone's current phone number and email address. We would also like to hear from you. Is there anything you would like to see on our website? By the way, have you ever looked at our website? Go to <http://www.fpchendersontx.org>. I think you will be impressed.

Communications Chair,

Kelly Weaver



Exciting Outreach News Flash for 2014

At our first meeting of the year, Lsha, Bert, Kelly, Kathy, Sue, Lynn, John, and Jan came with many brainstorming thoughts, ideas and suggestions. We thought you might like to hear how we see this year's reaching out to others playing out over the next 11 months.

***expanding Adopt-a-Block (AAB) to the park by starting a "water in the park" ministry. This summer ministry will involve giving out water bottles to fellow park participants. Coordinated with this ministry will be "singing in the gazebo" , an hour or two of entertainment for park goers.**

*** "putting out the net" for our Kids for God after school program by the above summer events, and by making all our AAB notes in Spanish and English so our neighborhood kids parents can be as informed as their children.**

*** A Thanksgiving (or holiday) feeding in our church fellowship hall for our neighbors. In addition to our wonderful October Neighborhood Party.**

*** Helping the needs of Christian Women's Job Corp or Son Shine Lighthouse with racks for clothes.**

*** Having newspaper ads in which our church members give testimonial statements about why our church is so special to them.**

*** Have a Friendship Sunday, where all members invite someone else to worship God with us.**

*** Use our ideal access to FairPark to let folks know we are here and that everyone is welcome to worship with us.**

*** Participate in the book box at FairPark for the children who visit FairPark.**

*** Wear our blue shirts at any outside church event.**

*** Welcome our guests who worship with us with a home delivery of a loaf of bread.**

Of course, we are still continuing with our Meals on Wheels delivery teams of Tom and Pat, Lynn and Sue, Bert and Tammy. An exciting note to this ministry is that in addition to the original six, Mariella (before her fall) and Debbie have both stepped up to help in these meal deliveries! Thanks to you all !!!

We will also continue to reach out to HIM with our monthly food donations, improve our block where needed, support Pals food bank, Children's Advocacy Center, Yates back to school supplies and continue our Angel Tree program at Christmas.

The outreach team hopes that if any of these ideas or thoughts "jump out at you" that you will get on board with us as we work this year to make these come to life. It is a pleasure to serve our Lord with you all !!!

**Here's to reaching out in 2014,
Peace,
Jan Pennal, outreach chair**

**"If I am not in God's grace, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me."
—Joan of Arc**



BOOK CORNER

Members and friends of our church family have donated some wonderful books to our new church library. Thank you! One that our Kids for God highly recommend to children of all ages is *Everybody Can Help Somebody* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. It's the true story of Denver Moore's life.

Denver was born during the Great Depression—a sad, sad time. He was a sharecropper, who picked the cotton, fed the pigs, fed the chickens and lived in a shack provided by “The Man.” To escape the back-breaking work in the cotton fields, and hoping to see the world, Denver decided one day to jump a train, hide in the coal car, and go wherever it went! He found himself on the busy, lonely streets of a large city—Fort Worth, Texas.

His home became a cardboard box under a bridge, and his meals were from garbage cans behind restaurants. He began to question, “Is there really a God?” You must read this book to find out how Denver discovered the answer to his question.

This beautifully written book was donated to our church library by Jack and Betsy Brooks. Co-author Ron Hall is a first cousin of Jack's. Thanks to Ron and his wife Debbie, Denver learned that there is indeed a God and that God loves him. He said with conviction, “Nobody can help everybody, but everybody can help somebody.”

Bert Lowe
2014 Christian Education
Ministry Team Leader



P.S. Please browse our church library soon and often. It's located between the Seekers and the Andrews classrooms. If you find a book you'd like to borrow, just sign your name on the white card inside the front cover of the book and place the card in the clear lucite holder by the large brown basket. When you return the book, place it in the basket and the CE team will take it from there. If you need help, please ask me or any of the committee members—Jimmy Chapman, Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Jan Pennal, or Lynn Tieken.



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—YOUR CE TEAM



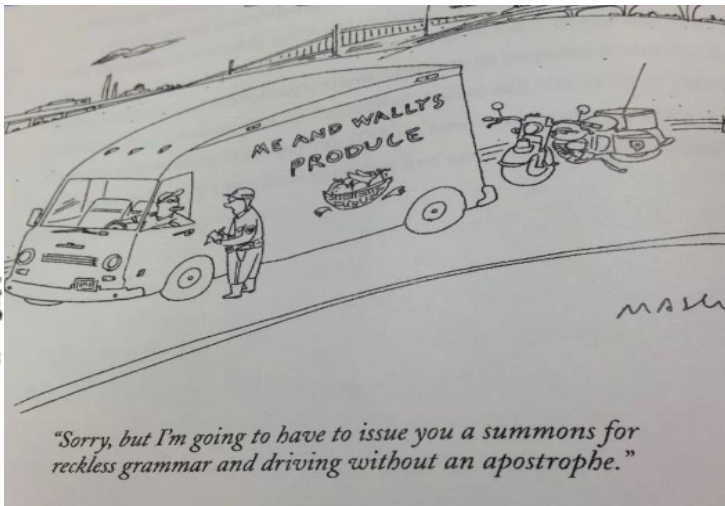
On behalf of the Scholarship Committee I would like to thank everyone who made a gift to the scholarship fund during 2013. Your gifts have made possible awards to the following students for the spring semester 2014.

- Austin Andrus North Central Texas College
- Cody Conway and Chase Davis Stephen F. Austin University
- Stefani Fitzgerald and Krysti Peacock Kilgore College
- Mitchell Hillin Houston Community College
- Haleigh Roach University of Texas at Tyler
- Taryn Reynolds East Texas Baptist University



Please keep contributing to this fund so we will be able to continue a Presbyterian tradition of encourgaing higher education. Thank you again.

Carol Scoggins





MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee will be up and running soon, so you still have time to join and not miss anything. Our budget has been set for certain charities, but it is still our responsibility to help others where we can.

There will be special offerings throughout the year. Four of these offerings will be given to Grace Presbytery for the larger mission.

One Great Hour of Sharing is our contribution during the season of Lent to culminate on Easter. There will also be the Pentecost Offering to be held for Pentecost in June. Then, the Peacemaking Offering will be held for World Communion in October. The Joy Gift held during Advent will round out the year.

The Mission Committee will help to keep you apprised of specific offerings throughout the year, but feel free to contribute for any mission project at any time.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will gladly accept donations at any time. It is a very worthy cause of which our own John Tieken is a member.

There is always someone needing help so whenever you feel the call to donate, just mark your check, deposit it in the plate on Sunday, or hand it to one of the elders to leave in the church office.

Come join our committee which will be meeting in February to plan the upcoming year.

Debbie Wasson,
Mission Committee Chair

The Mission Committee receives numerous requests each month for donations. Our committee has to pick and choose the same as you do. We try to keep our donations from the budget to local agencies. That is the reason for the special offerings during the year. But, you don't have to wait until then to contribute. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance group relies solely on donations. Other mission agencies are available for donations also. The list is available in the church office or ask me. I will try to find out any information that is needed about the different missions.

Debbie Wasson

SESSION ACTIONS

January 7, 2014

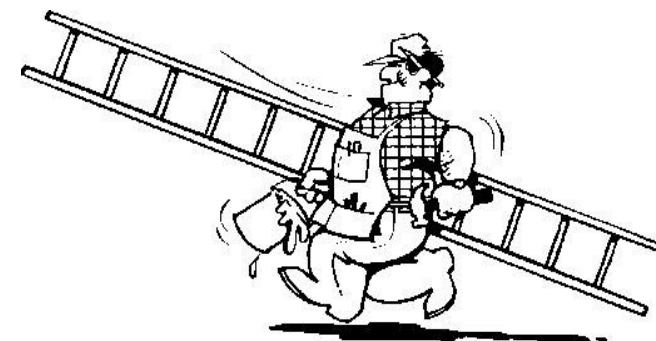
- Heard a report from Personnel that Mary Tidwell had completed her trial period satisfactorily and had been hired permanently
- Approved Steve Lowe and Kathy Porter to be session members of the 2014 Congregational Officer Nominating Committee
- Approved the 2014 Budget
- Assigned Committee Chairs for 2014
- Approved the Church Statistical Report for 2013
- Elected Tom Weaver to serve as Treasurer for 2014
- Selected Kathy Porter to serve as Clerk of Session for 2014



BUILDING & GROUNDS TEAM

As chair of the Building & Grounds Team for 2014, I look forward to continued progress in updating & improving our facility. Bill Stanley shall be the co-chair & I am excited to begin working with him & others of you who are signing up to be a part of this team. It is my goal that our facility have a welcoming look, that we are alive, & one of evangelism! We are near making a decision to order & begin installing the hand rails in the hallways in the next month or so. Keep your eyes open for the changes!

B&G Team Leader
John Tieken





February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Lisa Cook	3 Travis Reynolds	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Bill Stanley	13 Session Meeting 6:30p.m.	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Neil Pennal	

